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RE: Docket: 98-4124, notice 1

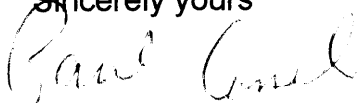
Hi NHTSA

I understand your agency is responsible for the presence of focused high intensity **DRL's** (daytime running lights) by either requiring them or encouraging their inclusion in cars. The result is my being dazzled over and over again by these miserable things. The **ONLY** times in the past year I've been close to being in a car crash have been due to my either being partly blinded by these high intensity lights or my being dazzled by them somewhat like a deer in the headlights.

Why do you require or permit these things? If your agency were really interested in safety, you'd **ban them!** As it stands, your behavior in this regard is another reason for people to distrust anything reeking of the federal government.

At some point I'm going to stop being lucky and end up in a collision due to my be blinded by these lights. When that occurs, I'm going to instruct my attorney to name your agency as one of the defendants.

Sincerely yours



Paul Cassel

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